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For: Vehicle Mirror Mounting Apparatus and	)	
Method for Assembling Same	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application  
before examining the application on the merits:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first paragraph of the section entitled "Background of Invention" on  
page 1 of the Specification with the following paragraph (a marked-up copy of originally filed  
page 1 of the Specification is attached).

**--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION**

Different arrangements are known for mounting external mirrors  
on vehicles. On large, commercial vehicles, such as trucks and  
busses, mirrors are often secured within mirror housings mounted

so as to extend the mirror away from the vehicle to provide a clear view of different areas around the vehicle. Depending on the size and design of the mirror, as well as the area around the vehicle to be observed, different mounting arrangements have been used. An exemplary mounting arrangement is described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,302,549, which recites a biaxially adjustable mirror mounting assembly.--

**REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment will greatly facilitate prosecution of the application.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title of Invention

**Vehicle Mirror Mounting Apparatus and Method for Assembling Same**

Field of Invention

The present invention generally relates to mirror mounting assemblies. More particularly, the invention is directed to mirror mounting assemblies that accommodate an internal wire and allow a mirror housing to be biaxially adjusted relative to a mounting bar without undesired rotation.

Background of Invention

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A drawback in the prior art is that wiring for mirror control motors, heating elements, electronic displays and the like must be routed circuitously about various internal components of existing mirror mounting assemblies. In a tightly spaced mirror mounting assembly, for instance, the wiring may be more susceptible to kinking and premature wear and tear, which may in turn cause the mirror mounting assembly to fail